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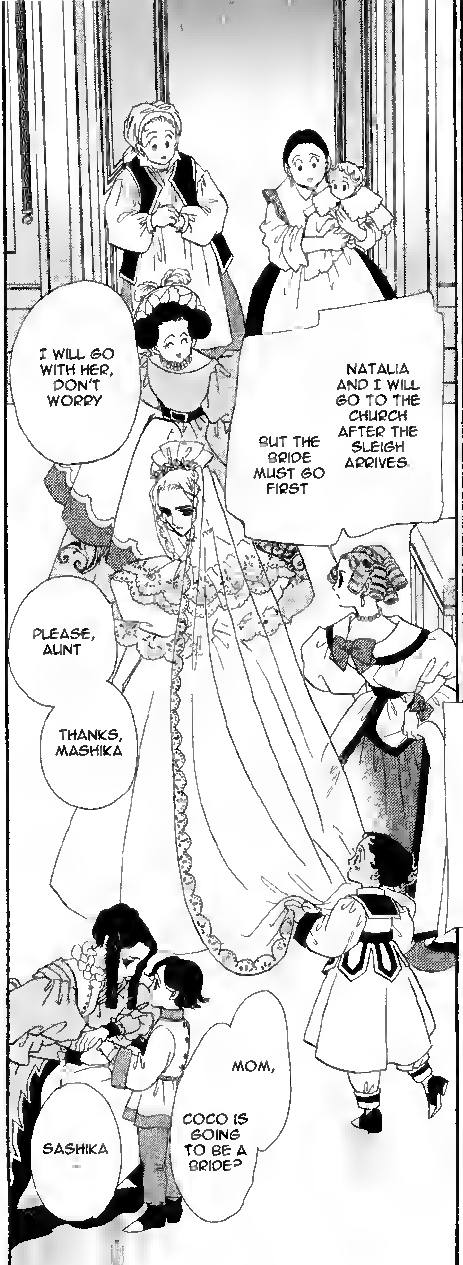

I WILL GO WITH HER, DON'T WORRY
NATALIA AND I WILL GO TO THE CHURCH AFTER THE SLEIGH ARRIVES.
BUT THE BRIDE MUST GO FIRST
PLEASE, AUNT
THANKS, MASHIKA
MOM,
COCO IS GOING TO BE A BRIDE?
SASHIKA

January 10th, 1837
HURRY EKATE-RINA!
MR HEECKE-REN'S COACH
IS HERE TO TAKE YOU!
SASHA! DON'T TOUCH THE VEIL!

SASHA
YES.
GO GIVE HER A KISS TO CONGRATULATE HER
TO THE CASINO
ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T COME?
IF YOU DON'T, THERE WILL BE GOSSIP ...
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU? SOCIETY OR ME?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAN ATTEND THAT CEREMONY AND SMILE!!
MASTER,
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
MR. PUSHKIN...
AMBASSADOR HEECKEREN.

YOU CAN COME TO THE CHURCH WITH US
THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU IN THE COACH
I'M NOT GOING.
THEN EVERY-ONE WILL CON-TINUE TO THINK THAT THERE IS DISCORD BET-WEEN OUR FAMILIES
I KNOW THAT'S WHY I WON'T BE ATTENDING
GOOD BYE
CAREFUL NOT TO STEP ON THE HEM OF THE VEIL, OKAY?
THOUGH I THINK AUNT WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF IT
NATALIA
I WILL BE HAPPY
I BELIEVE IN MR D'ANTHES, NO MATTER WHAT

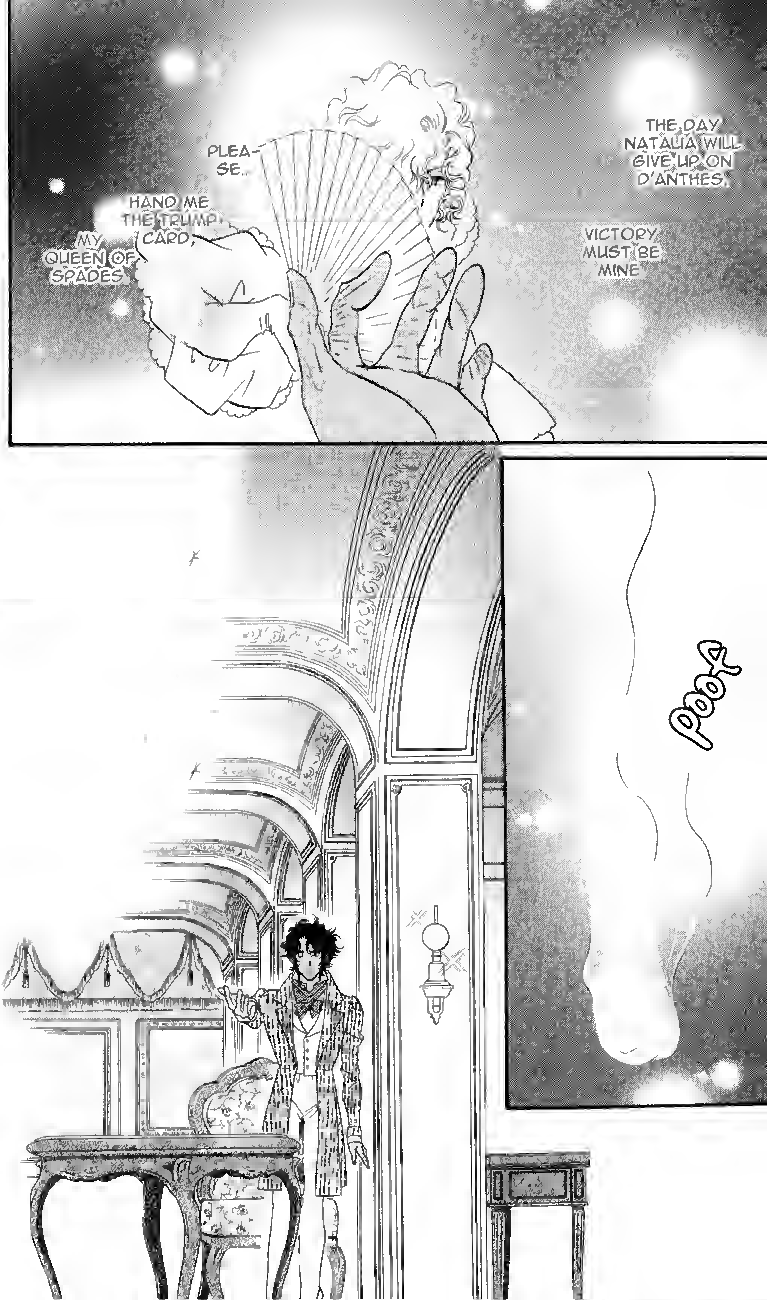
EKATE-RINA...
I WAS GLAD FOR YOU, BUT NOW I REGRET THIS ARRANGE-MENT.
D'ANTHES AND YOUR SISTER'S HUSBAND ARE BOTH MEN THAT CANNOT BE DEALT WITH THROUGH ORDI-NARY MEANS
...
YES, EKATE-RINA
AUNT IS LATE GO CALL HER.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. HE IS STILL IN LOVE WITH MY SISTER
LOVE IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE FORCED, IT IS BORN NATU-RALLY...
FROM NOW ON, SURELY, YOU WILL BE MY ONLY ALLY.
SO TELL ME
LAST WEEK, MR. D'ANTHES TOLD ME...
THAT HE IS UNWORTHY RUBBISH COMPARED TO ME.
THAT HE RES-PECTS ME,
AND SO HE WON'T BE ABLE TO EMBRACE ME
DID HE SAY SUCH A THING?
EKATE-RINA...
I HAVE NEVER MET A WOMAN AS STRONG AND HONEST AS YOU...

Excitement
GREAT!! I WIN!
TSK
ANOTHER CLUB
OH NO, I LOSE AGAIN!
STOP IT, PUSHKIN YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY LEFT
ONCE MORE!
I WON'T STOP UNTIL I HAVE A MAJOR LOSS!!
WILL YOU RETURN IT TO ME?
LEND ME SOME MONEY!
YES, WHEN I WIN!
DAMN...
AGAIN!
SIGH

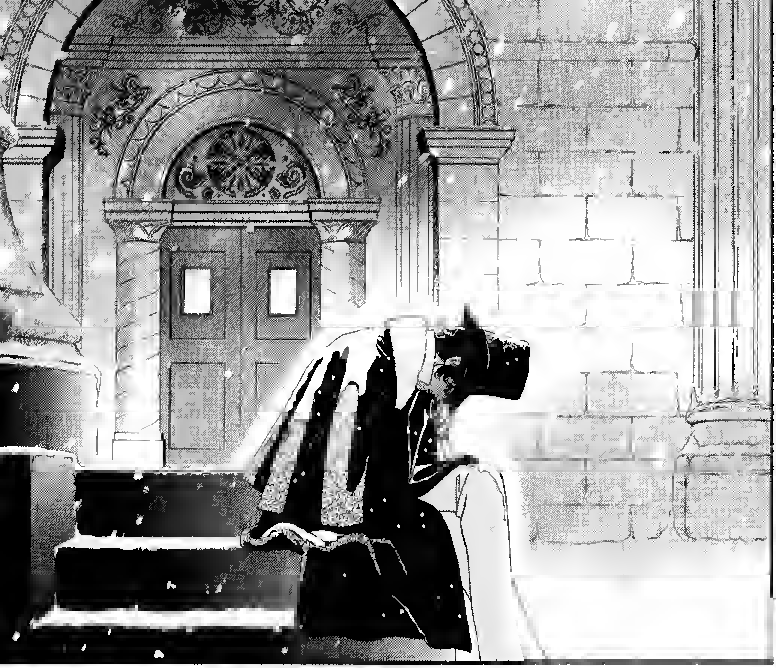
HE IS RUINING HIMSELF
WHAT WILL HE DO IF HE GOES FURTHER INTO DEBT?
HE CANNOT CONCENTRATE ON HIS WORK AT ALL.
HE WON'T WIN IF HE ACTS SO UNREASONABLY
PUSHKIN IS USUALLY HOT-HEADED, BUT TODAY HE'S ESPECIALLY BAD
ONE MORE TIME!!
PUSHKIN!
I WANTED TO GO TO MOSCOW TOMORROW, BUT I LOST MY TRAVEL BUDGET
ME TOO
SOLLOGUB,
I HAD A MAJOR LOSS
YOU WILL BE FINE
BUT I

SOLLO-GUB!
THAT'S... ...
I HEARD A RUMOUR THAT YOU MODELLED HER AFTER THE WIFE OF PRINCE GOLITSYN. IS THAT TRUE?
LIKE IN YOUR WORK "THE QUEEN OF SPADES."
I WOULDN'T MIND AN OLD COUNTESS, EVEN IF SHE'S A GHOST, HANDING ME A TRUMP CARD.

ARE YOU HERE TO TELL ME
TO STOP THIS USELESS GAMBLING?
MOTHER
I HAVE WAITED SO LONG FOR THIS DAY TO ARRIVE
IT'S MY DAY TO TAKE BACK MY WIFE
BUT TODAY, AT LEAST, I DIDN'T WANT TO STOP UNTIL I WON.


PLEA-
SE.
HAND ME THE TRUMP CARD,
MY QUEEN OF SPADES.
THE DAY NATALIA WILL GIVE UP ON D'ANTHES.
VICTORY MUST BE MINE
POOF

NATALIA?



NATA...

NATALIA SHOWED NO EMOTION THESE PAST FEW MONTHS,
THUMP
AND NOW SHE CRIES AT THAT MAN'S WEDDING!?
SASHA...
LET'S GO BACK HOME.
grab
BUT THE WEDDING IS STILL TAKING PLACE...

TO KEEP UP THIS FARCE!
YOU DON'T NEED...
YOU AND I SHOULD COOL OUR HEADS!!
WAIT!
SASHA, ARE WE GOING TO WALK BACK HOME?
SA-SHA?
"I SEE," YOU SAY?
...I SEE.
AN UNREA-SONABLE ONE.
I HAD A MAJOR LOSS PLAYING CARDS.
...

STOP, PEOPLE ARE STARING.
YOU ARE MY WIFE!
I'M APPALLED!
YOU ONLY GET UPSET OVER THAT IDIOTIC MAN'S WEDDING!
YOU HAVE NO CONCERN FOR OUR HOME'S ECONOMIC CONDITION, NOR FOR MY SUFFERING, DO YOU?
IS THAT ALL?
I CAN'T ENDURE IT ANY LONGER!
PUSHKIN'S WIFE IS CRYING PINING FOR HER BROTHER-IN-LAW
HERE, IN THE MIDDLE OF ST. PETERSBURG,
LET THEM STARE!
LET'S TALK WHEN WE GET HOME!
PEOPLE SHOULD PAY US FOR THE SHOW THEY'RE GETTING!
WE HAVE BEEN A SPECTACLE FOR A LONG TIME NOW!
NATALIA!!

NATALIA,
I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING I HAVE KEPT IT TO MYSELF FOR HALF A YEAR!
THINK OF ME FIRST!
SASHA
YOUR SISTERS, THE CHILDREN AND THE SERVANTS LISTEN TO US.
WE CAN'T TALK AT HOME.
I PRAYED EARNESTLY!!
I WAITED FOR THIS DAY I NEVER BLAMED YOU.
I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOREVER!
FOR THE DAY OF THIS WEDDING
FOR THE DAY THAT YOU GIVE UP
LISTEN TO ME!
AND YET YOU STILL...
IT'S ALREADY OVER
YOU ARE WRONG, SASHA!

YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT I'M A CAPABLE ADULT
YOU ARE WRONG!
I'VE ONLY LIVED THIRTEEN YEARS MORE THAN YOU HAVE
MY HEART IS STILL LIKE A CHILD'S!!
EVER SINCE CHILDHOOD, I HAVE BEEN AFRAID OF
BEING HATED BY THE PERSON I LOVE MOST!
MY SALICY AND UNCARING MOTHER
AND YOU

SHE WAS AN UNFAITHFUL WIFE, LIKE YOU!
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS TO ME...
I NO LONGER CARE ABOUT INFIDELITIES
ALL I CARE ABOUT ARE FEELINGS
HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU IMAGINE HIM HOLDING YOU?
YOU ARE SO CRUE...

STOP...
Y... YOU ARE SAYING SUCH CRUEL THINGS TO ME
TRUE FEELINGS
WHAT I WANT...
IS FEELINGS.
IF YOU DON'T LOVE ME,
THEN GO AWAY.

GO WHEREVER YOU LIKE...
AND DON'T COME BACK TO ME!
SASHA!

"Go away ...
and don't come back!"
stagger
"What I want... is feelings."
MY HEART
I GAVE IT TO D'ANTHES...

I CANNOT GIVE IT TO YOU.
SO SASHA
AND IT WAS SHATTERED
INTO PIECES
THERE IS NO TURNING BACK
ANY PLACE TO GO
I DON'T HAVE
I CAN'T RECOVER IT.

FOOL!
WHY WEREN'T YOU WHERE I LEFT YOU?
HE TOLD ME TO GO AWAY, BUT HE RAN, BREATHLESS,
SEARCHING THE WHOLE TOWN FOR ME
grab
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL YOURSELF!?
YOU'LL FREEZE!

AFTER ALL...
HE HASN'T LEFT ME... STUPID ME

WE WILL FREEZE OTHERWISE
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE NO FEELINGS

Baron Heeckeren's mansion
HEY!! SOMEONE STOP D'ANTHES...
HE'S THE BRIDEGROOM!!
Clap
Clap
Clap
STOP!
STOP,
D'ANTHES!

I'M SORRY, EKATERINA.
I ADVISED HIM NOT TO DRINK TOO MUCH, BUT...
IT'S ALL RIGHT. HE IS JUST HAVING FUN WITH HIS FRIENDS.
YES, DON'T WORRY.
WHEN SOLDIERS GATHER TOGETHER, THEY HAVE NO RESTRAINT.
ANYWAY IT'S A BIT
DON'T YOU THINK, AUNT?
ALEXANDRA!
HOWEVER
IN AN HOUR, BOTH OF YOU NEED TO LEAVE ON YOUR HONEYMOON
WHAT A WITTY REMARK
WHERE WILL THEY GO?
TO MY VILLA IN THE COUNTRYSIDE
ДЗЫНЬ
SLAP
WHAT IS IT?
HA HA HA
DRUNK ALREADY? YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FULFIL YOUR MARITAL DUTIES TONIGHT!
WHY DION'T YOU DUEL YOU ARE A DAMN COWARD

MINISTER NESSELRODE...
I WAS THE ONE WHO SAID IT
WHY DID YOU AND HEECKEREN ACCEPT PUSHKIN'S CONDITIONS?
IT'S AN INSULT
YOU SAID "WHY DIDN'T YOU DUEL WITH PUSHKIN? YOU ARE A DAMN COWARD."
I DIDN'T SAY THAT
YOU HAVE JUST INSULTED ME, POLETIKA!
HMN?
!
HE HAS INSULTED YOU AND YOUR FATHER
AND YOU HAVE SACRIFICED YOURSELF
stagger
PUSHKIN HAS COMPLETELY DISREGARDED THIS WEDDING
HE DOESN'T SHOW EVEN A BIT OF WILLINGNESS TO TRULY RECONCILE

PLEASE, MIND YOUR WORDS A BIT.
OUR MARRIAGE WAS A JOINT AGREEMENT
SACRIFICE?
THAT'S EXTREMELY RUDE!
YES, I WAS RUDE
NESSELRODE,
TONIGHT THAT TOPIC IS
Hey, don't fall asleep
sigh
HOWEVER
AS I CONSIDER YOU AND YOUR SON MY FRIENDS,
I CAN'T HELP BUT INVOLVE MYSELF
IS IT OKAY TO LET PUSHKIN BE SO CONCEITED?
I AGREE PUSHKIN IS DOING THIS
SOLELY TO INSULT OUR FAMILY
I'M THIRSTY.
IT'S HOT
IT'S UNFORGIVABLE
THE MAIN POINT IS THAT HE

AH, THIS PLACE IS SO NOISY.
EVERY-THING IS SO DE-PRES-SING.
I WANT IT TO END.
WHY ISN'T SHE HERE?
HEY ...
D'AN-THES?
!

MINISTER NESSELRODE,
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO STOP TREATING ME AS A COWARD
IF YOU KEEP INSULTING ME
AND MY BROTHER-IN-LAW,
I'M READY TO TAKE EXTREME MEASURES
I GET IT, D'ANTHES
COME DOWN AND LET'S DRINK A TOAST
NO, I WILL DRINK A TOAST...
UP HERE

Kyaaa
!
I WANT TO DIE
DEATH WILL PUT AN END TO THIS

AND I WILL BE WRAPPED IN...
IN THE BEAUTIFUL BLACK FEATHERS OF MY ANGEL OF DEATH.
STOP.
GO AHEAD AND SOFTLY DO IT.
AH...
ARE YOU AWAKE?

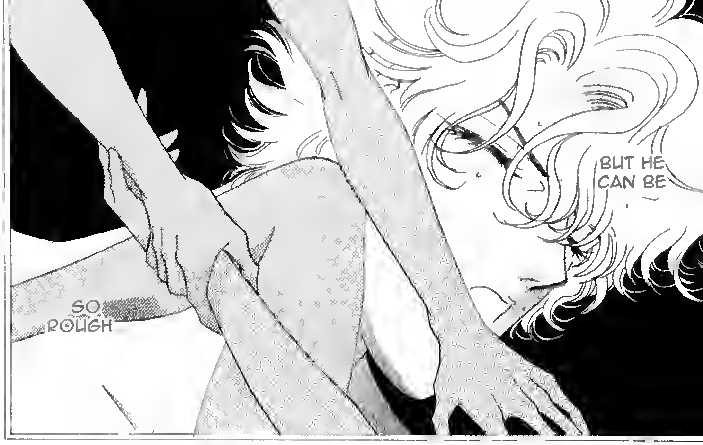
WHO IS IT?
THANK GOOD-NESS
A NURSE?
I WAS A BIT WORRIED.
YOU SEEMED TO BE HAVING A NIGHT-MARE
WE WILL POSTPONE OUR TRIP TO THE VILLA TO TOMORROW
TONIGHT YOU SHOULD REST AT HOME
I BROUGHT YOU TO OUR BED-ROOM

HER PROFILE IS SIMILAR
FOR A MOMENT I REALLY THOUGHT YOU FELL
YOU CAUSED QUITE AN UPROAR
TO HERS
HUH?
ERM..
THIS IS
MY BRIDE
A BRIDE
THE GUESTS ARE STILL ENJOYING THEMSELVES
I'M SURE THEY WILL UNTIL MORNING
SHE TALKS A LOT
ARE YOU THIRSTY?
I'LL BRING YOU SOME WATER
WHOSE BRIDE IS SHE?

MR. O'ANTHES?

NATALIE!

UNTIL NOW,
I ONLY SAW HIS TENDER SIDE
WHAT PART OF HIM HAVE I SEEN?


BUT HE CAN BE
SO ROUGH

I'M SORRY

I ACTED VIOLENTLY... TOWARDS YOU...
WHY IS HE GETTING DRESSED?
EH?

BUT IT WASN'T UNPLEASANT
I FEEL AS IF I'VE MET HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME.

I'M GETTING STRANGE.
EVEN I KNOW IT
WHY? ALL OF A SUDDEN
SASHA?
ARE YOU GOING OUT AGAIN?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SASHA?

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